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Adolescent female caught defacing City property

On August 14, a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer with the City of London caught a 15-year-old female damaging City property in a City park. Due to the age of the individual, personal information can not be released. The City will be taking action against the parents to recover damages. Cost of removal of the graffiti tags is expected to be in the range of hundreds of dollars.

Under the Parental Responsibility Act of Ontario, when a child takes, damages or destroys property, an owner of the property may bring an action against a parent of the child to recover damages. "This is a restitution option available to recover costs of malicious damage to City property," says Orest Katolyk, Manager of By-law Enforcement. "We will use every enforcement tool available to address the damage in our community." A comprehensive City strategy on graffiti is expected to be released this fall.